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HELPING THE GOOD PLAYS

A better way was found to promote clean and wholesome theatrical productions than by assailing an objectionable play, and thus giving it much free advertising.

The game method was applied to motion pictures by the Truth Society of Washington. This society compiles a "white list" of motion picture productions.

This procedure should be considered by persons of all denominations who are inclined to think they may do good by assailing a particular picture.

THE BLUE BOOK OF CRIME

The Government is about to issue its most exclusive directory. Beside it the Congressional Directory is a mere collection of many names.

The directory is to contain but 150 names, and with each name there will be a description and picture of an escaped criminal.

THE BECKER CASE ENDED

Charles Becker, former powerful official of the New York police, died in the electric chair today, in expiation of a murder which admittedly he did not commit.

There are two people to whom sympathy must go out; two whose experiences in the last days preceding the electrocution have been only less fearful than those of the condemned man himself.

For Becker to have escaped the chair, under all the circumstances, would have been a misfortune to the State of New York.

he sent to do the cowardly act should be punished in the last degree. Becker was a protection to criminals and an instigator of crime.

PARIS AND WARSAW

It is too early in the new era of cheerful feeling on the part of the allies, to assume that brief checks of the German forces preface the salvation of Warsaw.

But on the other side it is not to be regarded as certain that Warsaw will fall. Twice the Germans have made tremendous drives against it.

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GERMAN SUBMARINE MISTAKES

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diminished either the war fleets or the merchant fleets of the allies. Great Britain has turned out dozens more of new war vessels and hundreds more of new merchant vessels than the submarines have destroyed.

BOARD WON'T HEAR PROTEST OF LABOR

Allegations That Banks Are Unneutral Not Credited by Federal Reserve Body.

The Federal Reserve Board will not grant a public hearing on charges filed by Labor's National Peace Council, containing allegations that members of the Federal Reserve system, and Federal Reserve banks were unneutral in that they were discounting paper and making credit extensions that practically financed the purchase of war munitions in the United States.

THE SHORT BALLOT FIGHT

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CONCERT TODAY

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band, Bandstand, at 6:40. JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director.

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Tomorrow. Odd Fellows—Patriarch Militant drill. Attend B. & O. Reunion.

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